

ABOUT:

- The report was **published by the UNEP** in cooperation with the **Sabin Center for Climate Change Law** at Columbia University.
- The report highlights that the **Climate litigation cases** have **increased in recent years**. The litigations have made the courtroom increasingly relevant to efforts to address the climate change across the world.

KEY FINDINGS OF THE REPORT:

- As per the report, **climate cases have nearly doubled over the last three years**.
- Increasing climate cases are increasingly compelling the governments and corporate actors to implement their climate commitments.
- The cases are also **compelling the government to pursue more ambitious climate change mitigation and adaptation goals**.
- As per the data provided by the report, in 2017 **884 cases** were **brought in 24 countries**. While as of 2020, cases have **increased to 1,550 filed in 38 countries** and the **European Union courts**.

UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME (UNEP):

- The UNEP is a leading global environmental authority established on **5th June 1972**.
- Functions → It **sets the global environmental agenda, promotes the sustainable development** within the United Nations system, and serves as an authoritative advocate for global environment protection.
- Major Reports → **Emission Gap Report, Global Environment Outlook, Frontiers, Invest into Healthy Planet**.
- Major Campaigns → **Beat Pollution, UN75, World Environment Day, Wild for Life**.
- Headquarters → **Nairobi, Kenya**.

CENTRE FOR WETLAND CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**WHY IN NEWS ?**

The Indian government announced the establishment of the first Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management (CWCM).

ABOUT

- This Centre will be a part of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai - An institution **under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change**.
- It would **address specific research needs and knowledge gaps**.
- It would **aid in the application of integrated approaches for conservation, restoration, management and wise use of the wetlands**.
- **Key Functions of the centre:**
 - It will help in **building partnership and networks** with relevant national and international agencies.
 - WCM would serve as a **knowledge hub and enable exchange** between State/ UT Wetland Authorities, wetland users, researchers, etc.
 - It would **assist the national and State/ UT Governments** in the design and implementation of policy and regulatory frameworks, management planning, monitoring and targeted research for its conservation.

WORLD WETLANDS DAY:

- It is celebrated every year on **2 February**. This day marks the date of the adoption of the **Ramsar Convention on Wetlands in 1971**.
- Aim → To **raise global awareness** about the vital role played by wetlands for people and our planet.
- **Theme for 2021 → 'Wetlands and Water'**. This year's theme is most significant as the UN Decades of Ocean Science and Ecosystem Restoration begins in 2021.
- Wetlands in India → Nearly **4.6% of India's land** is designated as wetlands. They cover an area of **15.26 million hectares**.

SHIVALIK ELEPHANT RESERVE**WHY IN NEWS?**

The Uttarakhand government issued a stay on its earlier government order (GO) to denotify the Shivalik Elephant Reserve.

ABOUT

- Covering both **Kumaon and Garhwal regions**, Shivalik Elephant Reserve is the premier and only elephant reserve of **Uttarakhand**.